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may be awarded the badge if he or she has:

(1) Been awarded the basic Explosive Ordnance Disposal Badge and effective May 1, 1989, has served 36 months cumulative service assigned to a TOE or table of distribution (TD) EOD position following award of basic badge.

(2) Effective May 1, 1989, has served 36 months cumulative service assigned to a TOE or TD EOD position following award of the basic badge. Prior to May 1, 1989, must have served 18 months cumulative service assigned to a TOE or TD EOD position following award of the basic badge.

(3) Been recommended for the award by immediate commander.

(4) Current explosive ordnance disposal qualifications at the time of recommendation for the award.

(b) *Who may award.* See § 578.84 of this part.

§ 578.87 Master Explosive Ordnance Disposal Badge.

(a) *Eligibility requirements.* Any commissioned officer, or enlisted soldier may be awarded the badge if he or she meets, or has met, all the following requirements:

(1) Must have been awarded the Senior Explosive Ordnance Disposal Badge.

(2) Sixty months cumulative service assigned to a TOE or TD officer or non-commissioned officer EOD position since award of Senior Explosive Ordnance Disposal Badge.

(3) Must be recommended for the award by immediate commander.

(4) Explosive ordnance disposal qualifications must be current at the time of recommendation for the award.

(b) *Who may award.* See § 578.84 of this part.

§ 578.88 Pathfinder Badge.

(a) *Eligibility criteria.* (1) Successful completion of the Pathfinder Course conducted by the U.S. Army Infantry School.

(2) Any person previously awarded the Pathfinder award for completion of Pathfinder training is authorized award of the Pathfinder Badge.

(b) *Badge approval authority.* The Pathfinder Badge may be approved by the Commandant, U.S. Army Infantry School.

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(c) *Description.* A gold color metal and enamel badge $1\frac{3}{16}$ inches in height and $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in width, consisting of a gold sinister wing displayed on and over a gold torch with red and gray flames.

§ 578.89 Air Assault Badge.

(a) *Basic eligibility criteria.* The basic eligibility criteria consist of satisfactory completion of—

(1) An air assault training course according to the TRADOC standardized Air Assault Core Program of Instruction.

(2) The standard Air Assault Course while assigned or attached to 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) since April 1, 1974.

(b) *Badge approval authority.* Badge approval authority is as follows:

(1) Commanders of divisions and separate brigades.

(2) The Commander, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

(c) *Description.* An oxidized silver badge $\frac{3}{4}$ inch in height and $1\frac{17}{32}$ inches in width, consisting of a helicopter, frontal view, superimposed upon a pair of stylized wings displayed and curving. The wings suggest flight and together with the helicopter symbolize individual skills and qualifications in assault landings utilizing the helicopter.

§ 578.90 Aviation Badges.

(a) *Badges authorized.* There are three degrees of Aviation Badge (formerly the Aircraft Crew Member Badge) authorized for award, Basic, Senior and Master.

(b) *Badge approval authority.* Commanders exercising jurisdiction over the individuals' personnel records will make permanent award of these badges. Permanent award of these badges based upon wounds or combat missions will be referred to Commander, USA HRC (see § 578.3(c) for address). Request for award of the Senior and Master Aviation Badges that cannot be resolved at the MPD/PSC will be forwarded to the Commander, U.S. Army Aviation Center, ATTN: ATZQ-AP, Fort Rucker, AL 36362-5000.

(c) *Special policy.* (1) The retroactive date for these badges is January 1, 1947.